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# ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

I. Under date of April 18, 1921 the Secretary recommended to the Council that the Bright Fund, on deposit in the Eutaw Savings Bank, Baltimore, be invested in U. S. 4¼% Liberty Bonds. The Council by unanimous vote authorized this investment.

II. Under date of April 18, 1921 the Secretary called attention to the recommendation of the Central Division at Chicago, Dec. 30, 1920 (see Proceedings for 1920, p. xxxvii), that an allowance be made to the Secretary of the Central Division, for travelling expenses in attending the annual meeting and for clerical assistance, to an amount not exceeding $100 in addition to his present salary.

The Secretary favored the proposal to increase the compensation of the Secretary of the Central Division as a matter of justice but expressed the opinion that the condition of the treasury did not warrant this increased expenditure during the present year. He advised that the recommendation of the Central Division be endorsed, to take effect during the year 1922. The Council so voted.

III. Under date of July 4, 1921 the Secretary informed the Council that bids for printing the *Publications* had been submitted by the George Banta Publishing Co. of Menasha, Wis., which were materially less than the prices under the present contract. The Council approved a change in the printing arrangements, should such change be found financially advantageous.

IV. Under date of July 4, 1921 the Secretary recommended that the $600. of Liberty Bonds, at present carried as a separate fund, be added to the Bright Fund. He

recalled the fact that a few years ago $500. had been withdrawn from the Bright Fund to meet the special expenses of publishing the Index Volume, so that to increase this Fund by the addition of these bonds would be merely an act of restitution.

The Secretary also recommended that the von Jagemann Fund, on deposit in the Cambridge Savings Bank, be invested in U. S. 4¼% Liberty Bonds.

The Council by unanimous vote approved both recommendations.

V. Under date of September 30, 1921, the Secretary called the attention of the Council to the recommendation of the Germanic section at the Poughkeepsie meeting (see Proceedings for 1920, p. xvi), that a Monograph Series be established by the Association for the publication of "such fruits of research as were of a size or nature unsuitable for inclusion in the *Publications*."

As a means of establishing the Monograph Fund the Secretary offered the following proposals:

(1) That until further notice the annual income of the Bright and von Jagemann Funds (which by the end of the current year will amount to about $190) be covered into the proposed Monograph Fund.

(2) That until further notice twenty-five cents of each membership fee for the current year (not counting life memberships or library subscriptions) be transferred to the Monograph Fund.

(3) That all expenses connected with the printing and distribution of monographs be paid out of the Monograph Fund.

(4) That, in order to make the acceptance of a piece of scholarship for publication in the Monograph Series a recognized distinction, a Monograph Committee be appointed by the Association to receive and consider MSS. offered, and to select those which in their judgment are most deserving of publication, having due regard to the available funds.

(5) That the Association decline to receive doctoral dissertations for publication in the Monograph Series.

The Council voted to recommend these proposals to the Association for adoption.

VI. Under date of September 30, 1921, the Secretary, at the request of the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers, transmitted to the members of the Council the following resolution, adopted by the Federation, and asked whether the Council was disposed to add its endorsement:

To the General Education Board:

Inasmuch as the effects of the World War on secondary education in the United States have been felt most directly and most severely in the field of modern language instruction and the imperative need of an investigation of this whole field is too obvious to require discussion, the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers hereby respectfully petitions The General Education Board to provide the funds for a survey of modern language instruction in the secondary schools of the United States, similar to the investigations in other departments of education which have been undertaken in the past few years.

Convinced, in view of the educational reconstruction now going on in the United States as a result of the war, that never in the history of American education has there been so great and timely an opportunity to perform a signal service to American education in general and to modern language instruction in particular, the Executive Committee of the National Federation pledges its hearty coöperation in the execution of such a plan by lending all the machinery of its organization—its national executive committee as well as its national organ, 'The Modern Language Journal'—to the successful achievement of this object, and by creating such national, regional and state committees as may prove most feasible to carry out the project of a comprehensive, and thorough survey of modern language instruction in the secondary schools of the United States.

The Council voted to endorse the action taken by the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers.

CARLETON BROWN, *Secretary.*